

may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murtha, Blumenauer, Bordallo, Young of Florida, Sessions, Franks of Arizona and Collman of Colorado.

KINGSTON COAL ASH SLIDE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources, and Environment held a hearing on The Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluation of Potential Causes and Updates on Cleanup Efforts. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; the following officials of the TVA: Tom Kilgore, President and Chief Executive Officer; and Richard Moore, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive briefing on Department of Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—INFORMATION SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive briefing on Information Sharing in the Intelligence Community. The Subcommittee was briefed by the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Peter Lavoy, Deputy Director, Analysis; Priscilla Guthrie, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director; and Gina Genton, DDNI/Policy, Deputy Director.

NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "New Energy Technologies: What's Around the Corner?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TRENDS IN FORECLOSURES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current trends in foreclosures and

what can be done to prevent them, focusing on trends in the loan and borrower characteristics of nonprime mortgages originated from 2000 through 2007 and their performance, after receiving testimony from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Keith S. Ernst, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D783)

H.R. 2632, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. Signed on July 27, 2009. (Public Law 111-41)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 10 a.m., SD-406.